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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: FLEXIBLE CONTAINER MADE OF FILM MATERIAL AND FILLING METHOD
FOR FILLING SUCH A CONTAINER WITH A FLUID SUBSTANCE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

4. Flexible container (3) according to claim 1, characterised in that the container is folded double along closure lines (13, 14), a first layer of the film material folded double being attached via the restraining means (23, 24) to a second layer of the film material folded double.

6. Flexible container (3) according to claim 4, characterised in that on either side of a centre line of the container two side strips (20, 21) of the container are folded double along fold lines (13, 14) located parallel to the centre line.

8. Flexible container (3, 30, 34) according to claim 1, characterised in that the fill opening is provided with a shut-off valve (10), air being at least partially removed from the container.